



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Exploratory – Part-Time Advising Guide

MCC's Associate in Arts degree provides a well-rounded education foundation that prepares students to select appropriate majors/career paths, helps them transfer and successfully enter baccalaureate degrees. This program allows students flexibility to explore and/or change career paths while completing a broad, interdisciplinary experience that focuses on critical thinking, information and quantitative literacy, communication, and cultural and social awareness.

The Exploratory Pathway offers many “elective” choices. Electives are courses that count toward the credits for graduation but are not requirements for a particular degree of study.

	Course	Degree Requirements Met	Credits	Action Steps
Semester 1				
☐	CSIS 115_ Computer Concepts and Applications	Elective	3	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan ▪ Apply to program
☐	COLL 100_ First-Year Seminar GUID 108_ Academic Success or GUID 109_ Career Exploration Seminar Choose one	Elective	2-3	
☐	HIST 133_ Foundations of Western Civilization or HIST 134_ Modern Western Civilization Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3	
Total Semester Credits			7-9*	
▪ Semester 2				
☐	ENGL 101_ Composition & Reading I	Written Communication	3	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
☐	MATH 115_ Statistics or higher Choose one	Mathematical Sciences	3-5	
Total Semester Credits			6-8*	
▪ Semester 3				
☐	ENGL 102_ Composition & Reading II	Written Communication	3	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Complete Civics Exam with 70% or higher
☐	HIST 120_ United States History to 1865 HIST 121_ United States History since 1865 or POLS 136_ Introduction to U.S. National Politics Choose one	Civic/American Institutions	3	
☐	LIBR 100_ Introduction to Library & Online Research	Elective	1-3	
Total Semester Credits			7-9	
▪ Semester 4				
☐	Social and Behavioral Sciences, CORE 42 Choose one	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3-4	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
☐	ELECTIVE Choose any course 100 level or higher if semester total is less than 15	Elective	3-5	



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Total Semester Credits			6-9*	
Semester 5				
☐	Student Success or Career Exploration Options List: GUID 108_Academic Success GUID 109_Career Exploration Seminar GUID 112_Effective Study Skills GUID 152_Employment Strategies GUID 199_Special Topics in Guided Studies or BUSN 190_Personal Finance Choose one	Elective	1-3	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor
☐	Natural Science Course with Lab, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Natural Sciences	3-5	
☐	COMM 100_Fundamentals of Speech or COMM102_Fundamentals of Human Communication Choose one	Communications	3	
Total Semester Credits			7-11	
Semester 6				
☐	Humanities & Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3-5	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Research/contact transfer institutions
☐	Global Perspective Elective Choose any course 100 level or higher	Elective	3	
Total Semester Credits			6-8	
Semester 7				
☐	Natural Science Course with Lab Choose one	Natural Sciences	3-5	▪ Meet with Student Success Advisor ▪ Apply for admission at transfer institution ▪ Apply for scholarships at transfer institution
☐	Social and Behavioral Sciences, CORE 42 Choose one	Social & Behavioral Science	3	
Total Semester Credits			6-8	
Semester 8				
☐	Humanities & Fine Arts Course, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Humanities & Fine Arts	3-5	▪ Apply for Graduation ▪ Apply for jobs
☐	ELECTIVE Choose any course 100 level or higher if	Elective	3	
☐	ELECTIVE Choose any course 100 level or higher if semester - only need if total units below 60	Elective	3	
Total Semester Credits			6-11	
Credits Required			60*	

*The A.A. in Exploratory requires a minimum of 60 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.



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This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for part-time students and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: [Associate in Arts](#)

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- Natural Science courses must be chosen from two different disciplines including at least one course with a lab.
- Only 3 credits for performance classes can be used for Humanities & Fine Arts.